COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PROCEEDINGS.

Budget Session of 1100.

Monday, the 3rd of August 1925.

The Council re-assembled in the Town Hall on Monday, at 11-30 a. m. on the 19th of Karkadagam, corresponding to tho 3rd of August 1925, the Diwan-President presiding. Messrs. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, K. Krishna Menon, P. Munda Vaidyan, Paulo Mampilli, E. Simpson and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

President.—We shall proceed as usual with the first item, Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers.

Statement showing the investments of Government moneys.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

70. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the various investments of Government moneys now pending to the credit of the Government? The statement may give information under the following heads:—

1. Date of investment.
2. Amount invested.
3. Place of investment.
4. Conditions of investment and
5. When repayable.

Mr. K. KRISHNA PISHARODI (*Comptroller of Accounts and Finance Member*).

The statement is laid on the table (*vide Appendix 1.*)

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

Sir, do the Government believe that the amount invested in the Tanneries is safe?

President.—You have only asked for a statement. Is it not? Does it arise from the statement?

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

A large amount seems to be invested in the Company, and there are all sorts of reports about the Company.

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President.—Is it not better for you to ask a question about it instead of a supplementary question ? All that you asked for is a statement, and that has been furnished. Does any question arise from the answer ? I can understand supplementary questions arising from questions, but does this one arise from this statement ?

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

I believe so, Sir.

President.—Why do you not avail yourself of an opportunity of putting a fresh question, instead of asking a supplementary question ?

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

I beg your pardon, Sir, I do not understand you.

President.—What I want to point out is that, as far as the statement is concerned, it has been furnished and there the facts are. But from any answer furnished on any question a supplementary question can be put.

Offices audited by the Comptroller of Accounts.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

71. Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the offices whose accounts were audited by the Comptroller of Accounts or his deputies during the years 1099 and 1100 (the first eight months) ?

Mr. K. KRISHNA PISHARODI (*Comptroller of Accounts and Finance Member*).

Lists giving the information are placed on the table (*vide Appendix 2*).

Defalcations of Government money.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

72. Will the Government be pleased to state in the following form the details of the defalcations of Sirkar moneys in the several offices of the State during the years 1097, 1098, 1099 and 1100 (the first eight months) ?

1. Name of office;
2. Amount defalcated;

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